



Proclamation

- In Memoriam -

Hiroshi Kato

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato was born on March 18, 1922 in Honolulu, Hawai'i to Magosaburo and Yoshi Kato, and growing up in Kaimuki and Kapahulu, and was a graduate of McKinley High School in 1939; worked in the family masonry contracting business, and a year later, enrolled at the University of Hawai'i;

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato enlisted to served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 522 Field Artillery Battalion of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato re-enrolled at the University of Hawai'i following his discharge after World War II and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951; went on to the University of Minnesota Law School and graduated with an LL.B or Bachelor of Law degree in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato returned to Hawai'i and passed the Bar Exam then went into private practice with Kenneth Lau and William S. Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato worked as counsel to the State Senate in 1957; was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 1959 and served for seven terms; and was elected to the 1968 Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato as the Chairman of the State House of Representatives' Higher Education Committee helped to establish the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Hiroshi Kato—following his retirement from the State Legislature in 1974—was appointed by then Governor John Burns to the Circuit Court bench, and served for eight years utilizing his familiarity with the Probate Code to render equitable and fair decisions; and

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, as a mark of respect for the memory of Hiroshi Kato, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the Hawai'i State Flag shall be flown at half-staff at all State offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise on May 28, 2011 through sunset on May 28, 2011.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of May, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i